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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE- BASKET TWO NEW PROPOSALS: HUNGARIAN-
GDR PROPOSAL RE TRADE INVOLVING DRUGS
AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

REF: BELGRADE 7783, BELGRADE 8519

1. BASKET TWO WORKING GROUP, DEC, 3, CONTINUED DISCUSSION
OF HUNGARIAN-GDR PROPOSAL ON FACILITATING TRADE INVOLVING
DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (BM/E/12) AS INFORMALLY
AMENDED PREVIOUS DAY. BELGIAN REP. SPEAKING FOR EC-9,
CONCENTRATED REMARKS ON PROPOSALS THREE SUB-PARAGRAPHS.
WHILE SYMPATHIZING WITH EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF
DRUGS BY BYPASSING CUSTOMER PROCEDURES WHEN EMERGENCIES
EXIST, HE NOTED THAT MEDICAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYS MANY
PEOPLE AND MUST RECEIVE NORMAL TARIFF PROTECTION. THUS,
WHOLE QUESTION MUST BE EXAMINED CLOSELY AND THIS IS BEING
DONE IN GATT. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER ECE WAS AN APPROPRIATE
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FORUM SINCE IT IS NOT A NEGOTIATING BODY. RE POINT
TWO, HE NOTED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN MANUFACTURE OF
MEDICAL PRODUCTS WAS A DECISION FOR PRIVATE FIRMS.
SINCE WORDING WAS NOT COMPULSIVE, HOWEVER, HE SAW NO
OBJECTION TO THIS POINT. ADDRESSING SUB-PARAGRAPH ON
HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, BELGIAN
SUGGESTED THAT WHO MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE AGENCY

THAN ECE. FINALLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT MAIN PARAGRAPH SHOULD REFER TO NUMBER OF ALREADY EXISTING AGREEMENTS ON TRADE INVOLVING DRUGS BY ADDING PHRASE "WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COMMITMENTS OR OBLIGATIONS".

2. EAST COUNTERED THAT ECE DOES NEGOTIATE THROUGH SPECIAL WORKING GROUPS, BUT CONCEDED THAT OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES MIGHT BE CALLED UPON FOR THEIR EXPERTISE. HUNGARIAN REP REITERATED ARGUMENT THAT SPECIAL CUSTOMS CONCESSIONS FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL IMPORTS HAVE SET PRECEDENT FOR THIS "HUMANITARIA," IDEA, BUT CONCEDED THAT SUGGESTED MEASURES FOR DISCUSSION COULD BE MORE BALANCED. SOVIET REP, NOTING "NEGATIVE, THOUGH TACTFUL COMMENTS" OF BELGIAN, QUESTIONED WHAT WAS LEFT OF PROPOSAL IF REFERENCE TO CUSTOMS DUTIES WERE ELIMINATED. BELGIAN REPLY WAS THAT MAIN POINT OF PROPOSAL IS TO EXAMINE AND DISCUSS FACILITATION OF MEDICAL TRADE AND THAT EXPERTS SHOULD DECIDE HOW FACILITATION MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED.

3. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EC-9 INDICATE THAT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PROPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF ALL THREE SUB-PARAGRAPHS WHILE ACCEPTING, IN PRINCIPLE, MAIN PARAGRAPH. THIS APPEARS TO BE A LOGICAL STEP AND POSSIBLE COMPROMISE IF THIS PROPOSAL IS TO SURVIVE.
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EASTERN DESIRE TO REFER THIS ISSUE TO ECE COULD REMAIN A CONTENTIOUS POINT.
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